Claims:

 (Currently Amended) A networking system for a home or business site, comprising:

a bridge adapter unit at the home or business site, having an inlet port for receiving public network protocol signals; and

a telephone wiring structure in the site, the wiring structure having multiple end points and one or more junctions, and connected at a single point to an outlet port of the bridge adapter unit;

characterized in that the bridge adapter unit drives the telephone wiring structure according to a Local Area Network (LAN) protocol, translates the all received public network protocol signals, regardless of protocol, to the single LAN protocol, and modulates the signals in a manner to correct signal variations at the end points due to having multiple end points driven from a single point at the bridge adapter unit.

- 2. (Previously Amended) The networking system of claim 1 further comprising one or more converters connected at individual ones of the end points, the one or more converters comprising each an outlet port to connect to a single-media or a multi-media device, the converters converting the LAN signals to a form required by the single-media or multi-media device.
- 3. (Previously Amended) The networking system of claim 2 further comprising one or more single-media or multi-media devices connected to one or more of the converters.



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- 4. (Previously Amended) The networking system of claim 3 wherein the singlemedia and multi-media electronic devices include one or more of telephones, personal computers, fax machines, and televisions running through set top boxes.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method for implementing a networking system, comprising the steps of:
- (a) delivering public network protocol signals to the a level of a home or business site;
- (b) installing a bridge adapter unit having an inlet port for the public network protocol signals at the site;
- (c) connecting a telephone wiring structure having multiple end points and one or more junctions, at a single point to an outlet port of the bridge adapter unit;
- (d) driving the telephone wiring structure according to a single Local Area Network (LAN) protocol by the bridge adapter unit, translating and converting the public network protocol signals, regardless of protocol, into the single LAN protocol; and
- (e) modulating the signals in a manner to correct variations at the end points due to having multiple end points driven from the single point at the bridge adapter unit.
- 8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7 comprising a further step installing one or more converters connected at individual ones of the end points, the one or more converters comprising each an outlet port to connect to a singlemedia or a multi-media device, the converters converting the LAN signals to a form required by the single-media or multi-media device.



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- 9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein, in the further step, the single-media or multi-media devices include one or more of telephones, personal computers, fax machines, and televisions running through set-top boxes.
- 14. (Original) The networking system of claim 3 wherein individual ones of the converters are integrated into individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.
- 15. (Original) The networking system of claim 3 wherein individual ones of the converters are internal modules of individual ones of the single-media or multimedia devices.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein individual ones of the converters are integrated into individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein individual ones of the converters are internal modules in individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.

